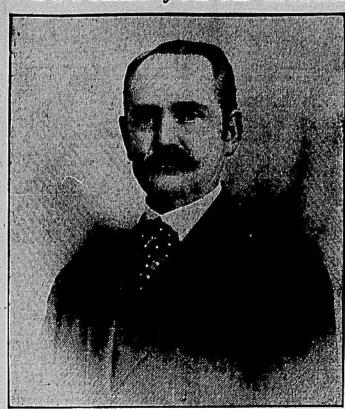
JUDGE PRENTIS WILL SUCCEED JUDGE CRUMP



Whithy yours

Rhea Declines Place on

Commission at This

Time.

NEXT VACANCY

WILL AWAIT THE

Recently Made Legal Engage-

ments Prevent His Acceptance. Nansemond Judge Accepts,

and Will Take Posi-

tion When Judge Crump Retires.

a member of the State Corporation

ranged legal engagements he did not see his way clear to accept a seat on the commission at this time, I at once got into communication with Judge Prentis and offered it to him.

"He has accepted, and will go into office upon Judge Crump's retirement, about May 16th."

Governor Swanson seemed happy over Judge Prentis's acceptance, and was warm in praise of his character

was warm in praise of his character and ability,
Judge Prentis was present at the

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sented at the Jamestown

Exposition.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 1 .- After an

inspection of the training squadron at

Libau, Minister of Marine Bikoff, who returned from that city to-day, decided to abandon the idea of sending ships to the Jamestown Exposition. The battleships Czarevitch and Slava and the cruiser Bogatyr are the oni-big shops available, and these are need-ed in Russian waters for training

SEND HER SHIPS

RUSSIA WON'T

about May 16th.

succeed Judge Bev. T

REPORT REJECTED BY COMMISSION

Life Insurance Company of Virginia Comes Forth Unscathed.

SHARP CRITICISM OF N. Y. ACTUARY

Findings Reversed at Practically Every Point, and Report Declared to Be in Many Respects Inacu-

rate and

tion with a cleaner bill of health than was given to the Life Insurance Company of Virginia yesterday in an opinion handed down by the State Corporation Commission.

Several months ago, at the instance of the company, Commissioner Button began an inquiry into its affairs, and he associated Actuary Wolfe, of New York, with his actuary, Mr. Charles G. Taylor, in the work.

The report of Mr. Wolfe was decidedly adverse to the company, and charged a number of serious inaccuracies and delinquencies on the part of the management. In view of this the company asked for a hearing before the commission, which is the supreme court in such cases, and employed Messrs. A. C. Braxton and Eppa Hunton, Jr., as counsel. The hearing was conducted privately before the commission, Mr. Wolfe and the officers of the company being the principal witnesses.

Sweeping Opinion.

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The commission yesterday handed down a sweeping opinion, which reverses Mr. Wolfe at every point, and absolutely sustains the company at solvent and entitled to the confidence of its policy-holders and the public. At times the commission employs strong language in referring to Mr. Wolfe's findings, and declares that he went "far beyond the limits of any legal examination."

The opinion says that Mr. Wolfe's report is inaccurate and untrue in many important particulars, and that the actuary was unable on oral cross-examination to sustain it.

It further says that it is "unsupported and unwarranted by his own findings," and that it does "a gravo wrong and injustice to the company and its officers.

mansion when a Times-Dispatch rep-resentative called, and though he ad-mitted his acceptance, he seemed to be wearing his new honors with be-coming modesty. He was called here

and its officers.

The opinion winds up with an order which disapproves and rejects the report of Mr. Wolfe in toto. Czar's Navy Will Not Be Repre-

Gist of the Decision.

The real gist of the opinion is to be found in the following language: ound in the following language:

Mr. Wolfe's report itself expression has that the company's capital was doubled siace the year 1903; that its capital and reserve are each fully lined, and that its surplus, represented by solvent securities, is within \$40,000 of that reported by the company—the difference being occasioned by corrections of Mr. Wolfe, which he was mable to sostain, and which are manifestly erroneous; that the company pays its death losses prompt.

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SANTIAGO POLICE ATTACK AMERICANS

Shoot and Cut Seamen From Tacoma, Following Orderly Banquet

TEN OF CREW IN SHIP HOSPITAL

Henry Lee, a Fireman, May Dic. Captain and Police Suspended. Commander Tappan Says Assault Was Brutal. No Breach of

SAN DIEGO, May 1 .- The conflict ere yesterday between police and A police captain named ishin decided to walk slightly ahead the party. Suddenly he heard a olver shot, and immediately after-rds the police charged with revolv-and machetes. Brishin received an y cut on the arm, and was felled the ground three times.

Ten in Hospital. Ten in Hospital.

A fierce fight ensued, with the result that Henry L. Lee, a fireman of the Tacoma, will probably die of a compound fracture of the skull, causad by a machete, and a gunshot wound in the right breast. Ten other members of the crew of the Tacoma were taken to the ship's hospital, suffering from machete wounds and clubbing. Not one of the policemen was badly hurt, though several of them suffered from flat contusions. The captain and a'l the policemen who participated in the affair have been suspended by order of the civil governor of Santiago, upon the representations of Commander Tappan, of the Tacoma, and the American the representations of Commander Tap-pan, of the Tacoma, and the American conusi, Mr. Holaday, who affirm that the lives of the American officers and men who go ashore are not safe while such men are acting as agents of the law. Mr. Holaday is making a thor-ough investigation of the incident.

The Official Report.
WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Navy
Department has received a cablegram
from Commander Wood, of the Dixie,
at Havana, transmitting a report from
Commander Tappan, of the gunbost

compound fracture of left forearm, serious injury, and Claud J. Pember, electician, third-class, incised wound of left forearm, a severe injury.

No Other Trouble Feared.

Commander Tappan's dispatch states that these men, with the exception of the ensign, composed a liberty party of the Tacoma, and were attacked by the police while returning to their ship at half-past 1 o'clock yesterday mornat nati-past 1 octock yesterday morning. No cause is assigned for the attack, but it is supposed that the men were perhaps singling, as sailors ar apt to do when they have had a happ, evening ashore, and on returning is

Commander Tappan reports that he Is making a full investigation into the case, and as matters have quite quiet-ed down in San Diego, there is no ap-prehension of any further disorder.

INSANITY PLEA FOR BANK THIEF

Chisolm Trial in Birmingham Develops Rather Novel Defense.

Defense.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 1.—The second trial of Alexander R. Chisolm, former paying-teller of the First National Bank, of Birmingham, charged with having embezzled \$100,000 of the bank's funds which, it is alleged, he lost in cotton speculation, began in the Federal Court to-day. A jury was soon selected. Chisolm entered a plea of not-guilty, his attorney, Captain White, explaining that the plan of the defense was insanity. The defendant in pleading not guilty, Captain White said, did not deny that he took the money, but that he took it while laboring under a delusion that he could corner the cotton market of the world.

Attorney Bradley, in outlining the government's case, said that Chisolm had proceeded in his speculations with intelligence and cunning, covering up his tracks successively for many months.

The first winess called was W. P. O. Bardlang president of the First Nations'

The first witness called was W. P. O. Harding, president of the First National Bank, of Birmingham, who told of the discovery of Chisolm's shortage.

OFFICERS OF PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY **NOW HOLDING CONVENTION IN RICHMOND**



ROBERT A. SMYTHE. Grand Trensurer, Charleston, S. C

HUGH M. McALLISTER. Grand Secretary, Covington, Va

J. GORDON HUGHES. Grand Chancellor, Union S. C.

WOMEN CRUSHED IN WILD PANIC AT FIRE

Jump to Street and Are

Choking Off All Exits and Terrifying Guests.

their lives. Fully half of these percape, but none is expected to die Many of those who were only s ly hurt made off in the confusion

ing was burned out, causing a loss of \$50,000.

tablishment numbered twenty-five.

The fire started in the basement, it is presumed, from some defect in the electrical apparatus. It spread with great rapidity up a freight elevator shaft in the rear of the building. With one elevator filled with flames, the other elevator rendered useless, and the stairway choked with fire and smoke, the only escape left many people who had not made their way to the street at the first alarm, was through a small window at the back which opened on a fire-escape, leading to the alley. About eighty persons were caught with only this chance of safety. Most of these were women, and they made a frantic rush for the window, fighting flercely in an effort to

they made a frantic rush for the window, fighting flercely in an effort to escape. Those who first stepped on the fire-escape were almost immediately pushed off, and they fell to the alley twenty feet below. Before they could rise or get out of the way others fell or jumped upon them.

The women piled upon each other in a mass, from which they were dragged as quickly as possible by men from neighboring stores; but every one of those who came out of that rear window, was injured in some manner, except the last half-dozen who were rescued by firemen.

FIVE YEARS' WORK OF HOME MISSION BOARD

A telegram was received at the office of the Religious Herald, in this city, yesterday from Rov. B. D. Gray, D. D., sceretary of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga., announcing that the board has just ended the greatest year in its history. The board closed its books with a small debt, but with the record of great growth along all lines of its work. The Baptist churches in Virginia gave during the past year over \$18,000 to home missions. The full report of the board will be made to the convention, which meets in Richmond on the 16th of this month.

POLITICAL AGITATION

Entombed in the Whipple

Fire Started in Lunch-Room, Explosion Occurred in a 450-Foot Shaft, and Men Had No Way of Escape.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., May 1 .-

Four injured men, who were taken to

mine, where an explosion occurred last January that idlied eighty-six men. The explosion this afternoon oc-curred at about 2:30 o'clock in the main return heading, about 1,200 feet from the foot of the shaft.

MISS GILMAN 10 WED MR. COREY

She Announces on Arrival in New York That Wedding Will Occur.

NEW YORK, May 1.-Miss Mabel Gilman, who arrived here to-day from

Gliman, who arrived here to-day from Paris on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, said, when seen, concerning her reported marriage to William E. Corey, president of the Usited States Steel Corporation:

"I must refuse to discuss my personal affairs. However important you may regard it for me to gratify the curiosity of inquiring friends and strangers, I am afraid I cannot share your view. But I will so far depart your view. But I will so far depart from this resolution to say that Mr Corey and I will be married in this city on May 13th, and both Mr. Corey's family and mine will be present. That is all."

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Miss Gilman's coming here was unexpected until thirty-six hours before
her actual arrival, so quietly had the
former comic opera singer taken her
departure from Parls, where she has
been living for several years.
She was met at the pier in Hoboken
by her mother, and the two went in
an electric hansom to the Hotol
Gotham.

an electric hansom to the Hotel Gotham.

Mr. Corey, who was yesterday received president of the United States Steel Company, was not at the pier, but he called about 8 o'clock to-night a the Gotham, where he dined with his fancee; her mother and her two sisters in Miss Gilman's apartment.

FIVE MEN DROWN; **BLONGED TO YACHT SIOUX**

POLITICAL AGITATION
FORCES MILLS TO CLOSE

KATERINOSLAV. RUSSIA, May 1.—
Great blast furnaces and rolling mills, constituting the largest mechanical phant in Russia, have been closed, owing to the continued political and instituting agitation in the districts. All the workmen have been discharged and the furnaces have been sealed,

PASS CHRISTIAN, MISS., May 1.—
The drowning of five men of the schooner Sloux on Monday night came to light to-day, when the bodies of two floate dashore, and a third body was seen off shore. The missing include a fault of the continued political and institution in the districts. All the workmen have been discharged and they furnaces have been sealed.

MARKED BY RIOTS

Hemmed in by Flames, Scores Four Severely Injured and Four Russian Jew Brings Feeling to Crisis by Shooting Cuirassiers.

FOUGHT MADLY TO ESCAPE THE MISSING MAY BE DEAD FIRED FROM TOP OF OMNIBUS

Crowds Wanted to Lynch Him, but Police Interfered-Garri-

was over 1,000 arrests, twenty persons, including policemen and citizens, badly injured and a great number of per-

Wanted to Lynch Him.

The crowd attempted to lynch Law, who was dragged down from the omnibus. He was rescued by the police, after he had been severely manifed, and was taken to a police station to await total.

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Several incidents occurred during which firearms were used.

After a meeting at the Labor Exchange, 5,000 men proceeded to the headquarters of the Labor Federation, hooting the police meanwhile, Charges were made by the police, and a woman fired, the builet striking a member of the bicycle patrol. The squad of police drew their sabres and rovolvers and a lively melee followed, lasting half an hour. The poice pressed the crowd hour. The poice pressed the crowd from the Quai Jemmapes to the banks of the St. Martin's Canal during which 200 arrests were made, and many per ons were hurt.

Another Disturbance.

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Later in the evening, in the Place de la Republique, the police, while arresting rioters, were surrounded by a threatening crowd which attempted to resceu those taken into custedly. Subress were used freely, but finding their position perlious, the police fired in the air. A further detachment came on the scene at double-quick, and with drawn subres, charged and dispersed the crowd. Many persons were injured and many placed under arrest.

Dispatches to the Ministry of the Interior report caim everywhere in the

terior report calm everywhere in the provinces, the May Day demonstrations being confined to meetings in processions singing revolutionary songs,

TERRIFIC HURRICANE SWEEPS OVER MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., May 1.-A special to the Express from San Juan

Bastista, Campeche, Mex., says: A hurricane of terrific violence swept over this district last night, enswept over this district last night, entailing great loss of property and the
death of several persons. The coea
groves for some distance up and down
the const are completely ruined, causfing a loss of millions of dollars; crops
of various kinds were levelled to the
ground, and great trees in the forest
were snapped like pipe stems. It is
I feared there may have been heavy loss
to shipping if the storm extended into
the guif.

GREAT MEN CAME TO GRIEF OPENING DAY

Tucker Narrowly Escaped Being Absent When President Arrived.

AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO LATE

Mr. Bryce, Secretary Cortelyou and Others Almost Missed Dinner-Senator Daniel Never Did Get There. Other Mis-

GROUNDS, May 1,-Many stories are cropping out regarding the various aries on opening day at the exposi

ready to receive the Chief Executive of the Nation. Mr. Tucker was at the grounds of the exposition, but like many others, was caught at one of the boat landings and could not for love or money get trinsportation to Norfolk. For two hours he waited with many others on the wharf, and finally becoming desperate on account of the dinner he was giving to Fresident Roosevelt, he took by force of might a launch from one of the battleships and steamed away to town. On the trip the yacht "Sylph," with the President aboard raced past the launch, and Mr. Tucker fancied it was all over, and that he would not be on hand to receive his distinguished guest, but as luck would have it he reached the house just two minutes before the President crossed the threshold.

Ambassador Bryce Late.
But this was not all. Senator Daniel who was to take in Mrs. Grant, never could be the loss of transportation. Mr.

James Bryce, the British ambassador, and Mrs. Bryce, and Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Cortelyou only arrived after the dinner was half over full of apologies, which the President laughingly accepted.

These are but a few of the instance of hardships which are related. For instance, a very high government official, who was at the presidential dinner, was unable to secure a carriage in Norfolk, and so he and his wife drove to Mr. Tucker's in a florist't wagon.

cinnati contractor is fully able

and will pay, so that the trouble will not be of long life. Stop Sunday and Extra Work.

cert in the address and executive comittee of the American Association Passenger Agents were also present addition to many other visitors. Mrs. Swanson on German Ship.

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Mrs. Swanson was the guest of honor
to-day at breakfast on board the German war-ship Bremen, given by Commander Albert. Mrs. Swanson expects
to leave Sunday for Richmond, after
the reception on board the Connecticut to the foreign officers, at which
she receives. She will probably not
return to the Virgfala State Building
until the last of May, but she will

return to the Virginia State Building until the last of May, but she will contertain at the Executive Mansion the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce on May 12th, following which will be ceremonies at Jamestown Island.

Major Mailory, adjutant-general and chief of staff to General Grant, has announced that, beginning next week, there will be held daily on Lee Parade either guard mount or dress parade, in which the infantry stationed at Camp Jno. Smith will take part. If the exposition officials will allow Lee Parade to be used cavalry and artillery drills will be held daily.

BRYCE SAID TO SHED REAL TEARS

President of Alpine Club Much Moved by Mountains of Swiss Village,

Swiss Village.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION
GROUNDS, May 1.—In the midst of the
desolution of the "Warpath' there stands
out, as completed, the Swiss Village, a collection of imitation mountains, pleasant
green valleys, Chinese pagedas, a forest,
composed of a half dozen small trees,
many hundreds of green tables, an army
of obsequious waiters, and a stalwart
band of yodiers.

Al of these attractions combine to ensnare the casual visitor who perhaps,
never having strayed far from the purliems of his native village, hungers for
the flavor of Old World pleasures set in
realistic mountain confines.

The mountain part of the Swiss Village is great. So lofty are the peaks, so,
abrupt the precipies, so dangerous its
crevasses, that no mortal man could ever
hope to do more than gaze upon them;
a bird might, with difficulty, find an uncertain foothold. Mr. Hyce, who is first
the president of the Alpine Club and next
the president of the Alpine Club and next